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WAR OF 1812.

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.O. 26423

.C. 24306

SOLDIER Chain, William

WIDOW Chain, Melinda

SERVICE Pvt. Capt. Becham's Co. La. mil.

ENLISTED Dec. 23, 1814 DISCHARGED Mch. 10, 1815

BOUNTY LAND

35328-40-'50

59954-120-'55 canceled

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1856 Covington Co. Miss.

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Knoxville
Claim No 26423
Act of Mch 9, 1878
Cert. No. 24306

SERVICE PENSION,
War of 1812.

Original Case.
Reopened from
Act of

WIDOW'S BRIEF.

Melinda Chain, widow of

William Chain.

Rank: Pri.
Captain: Becham.
Regiment: Militia.
State: La.

Post Office: Williamsburgh, County of Covington, State of Miss.

Attorney: R. W. Walker P. O.: Present.

County, State of Agt to pay, Fee $10.00 No Contract

DROPPED FROM ROLLS
JUN 4 1896
FAILURE TO CLAIM PENSION

Application filed June 15, 1878.

Alleged service. In the war of 1812 – Claimant states that Wt. issued to the soldier but that he died before it reached him, & afterwards she received one as his widow.

Record evidence of service. 3rd Aud. in B.L. repts that William Chain served in Capt. Becham's Co. La. Mil. from Dec 23, 1814 to Mch 10, 1815.

Parol evidence of service.

Length of service 57 days prior to Treaty of Peace.

Proof of identity. By C. M. Edmonson & G. F. Robertson witnesses to declaration.

Proof of loyalty.

Admitted May 14, 1879, to a pension of EIGHT DOLLARS per month from Mch 9 1878 the date of the act

no pension previously applied for

Alex. R. Spell
Pension Searcher.

Bounty Land claim Wt 88691-120-55 issued

N. Robinson
Bounty Land Searcher.

A. M. Goodwin
Examiner.

APPROVED May 16, 1879.

Redway
Reviewer.

(OVER.)

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SUMMARY OF PROOF.

Marriage.	Date Jany 1. 1836, of William Chain to Malinda ~~Caves~~ Pickering, Shown by a copy of public record - in B.L. Cohabitation testified to by C. M. Edmonson & G. F. Robertson -
Proof as to capacity to marry.	Claimant states that she & the soldier had been previously married
Death of soldier.	Date Jany 20 - 1856, testified to by J. H. Dykes and J. A. Chain witnesses in B.L.
Widowhood.	non remarriage testified to by G. F. Robertson & W. L. Strahan -

INCIDENTAL MATTER.

Claimant states that her maiden name was Pickering - She married John Caves, that she became a widow by his death, and remained one until she married William Chain - that she is unable to account for any discrepancy that may appear in her bounty Land & pension papers - That she cannot write has always signed her name by mark or some one has signed it for her.

SERVICE PENSION,
War of 1812.

WIDOW'S BRIEF.

Claim No. 26,423
Certificate No.
Act of Mch 9, 1878.
Claimant, Malinda Chain,
Soldier, William Chain,
Action, Admitted
Examiner, A M Goodwin

Admitted
May 16 78
R E R

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State of Mississippi
County of Covington ~~Hundred and~~ on this 27th day of April one thousand eight Hundred and fifty five — Personally appeared Be fore me the under sign A Justice of the peace duly authorized to Administer oaths Within and for the County and State afor said

William Chain aged 68 years A Resident of Covington County and State of miss who being duly sworn according to Law declarse that he is the identical William Chain who was A private Soldier in the Company Commanded By Capt William Bickham of the 13 Regiment of Louisanna Pres militia in the War With great Britton declard on the 18 day of June A D 1812 that He was cald out in Service in or about the

27th December 1814 in St. Taminy Parish Louisanna ~~an~~ for the Term of ~~one~~ three month Continued in actual service ~~in~~ At the navy yard in St Taminy Parish and State of Louisanna untill the War was desided and then was Honorable discharged By a Written discharge By order of the united states on or About the 15th January 1815 as will appear By said muster rolls and He further States on oath that He has to for received A warrant for 40 acres under Act Sept 1850 and that he has disposed of the same ~~by Legal Sale~~ — — —

Seal

An that He hereby Constitutes and appoints Henry B Spirlin of Rankin County and state of mississippi ~~of~~ his true and Lawfull attorny To do all that may be Lawful on this declaration for the purpose of ~~ob~~ obtaining the Bounty Land warrant to which he may be intitled under an act in addition to certian acts granting Bounty Land to certain officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the military service

172.587
William Chairs
application
for Bounty Land

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Service of the united States approved 3d march 1855
Never having applied for received or known that he is entitled under
any former act of Congress other than as Above indicated

Wm Chain

We Nathaniel Lee and William J Scott
Residence of Covington County in the State of
mississippi upon our oaths declare that the
foregoing declaration was was signed and
acknowledged by William Chain in our presents
and that we believe from the appearance and
statements of the applicant that he is the identical
person he represents himself to be

Nathaniel Lee
Wm J Scott

The foregoing declaration and affidavit were
sworn to and subscribed before me on the day Seventh
day of May AD 1855 and I certify that I
know the affiants to be credible persons
that the claimant is the person he represents
himself to be. And that I have no interest in this
Claim

Joshua Burkhalter Jr J.P.

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The State of Mississippi }
Covington County }

I G. L. Robertson Clerk of the Probate Court of said County, do Certify that Joshua Burkhalter Jr whose genuine Signature appears to the foregoing attestation, is and was at the time of signing the same a Justice of the peace in and for said County duly commissioned qualified and sworn, and that full faith and Credit are due and ought to be given to all his acts as such, I further Certify that interested in the foregoing application or its prosecution

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at Williamsburg the 7th day of May A D 1855
G. L. Robertson Clerk

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No. 24,356

WAR OF 1812.

Act of March 9, 1878.

WIDOWS' PENSION.

Mississippi

Melinda Chain

widow of

William Chain

Rank Private

Company Becham's

Regiment

La Militia

Knoxville Agency.

Rate per month—Eight dollars.

Commencing March 9, 1878.

Certificate dated May 22, 1879

and sent to Pension Agent. C

21 May 79

John F Blackmar Clerk.

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FAILURE TO CLAIM PENSION

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Consl.d M.

256.200 Act May 3. '55
consolidated with
172.587

88,699 Dup. 9/56
Sept. 4 '56

Malinda Chain. wid.
William Chain. pri.

Capt. Wm Beckham
Col. Warner.

La. Mil.

War 1812

Adm.d 120 acres
TK

Rec'd. warr. 40 acres.

35.328

Wm L. Pickering.
Zion Seminary
Miss.

Dec. 8/56. Let to Comr. Gen. Land Office — TK

Declaration of a Widow claiming additional Bounty Land.

STATE OF Missisippi }
Covington COUNTY. } ss.

On this 7th day of ~~April~~ July 1856, before me, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State above named, personally appeared (1) Mrs. Malinda Chain aged 44 years, a resident of Covington Co., who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of (2) William Chain, who was a (3) Private in the company commanded by Captain William Bicorn in the 13 Regiment of Militia commanded by Col. Warnar That her said husband (4) ~~volunteered~~ was drafted at on or about the day of , 1813, for the term of three months and was honorably discharged at on or about the day of 1814; that ~~she~~ has received, by reason of the services, Bounty Land Warrant No- of 40 acres under the Act of 28 Sept 1850 which the said deceased ~~she has~~ legally disposed of in his lifetime and cannot now return.

She further States that she was married to the said (2) William Chain at his residence ~~the~~ on the 1st day of January, A. D. 1836 by one Mr. Lee a Minister of the Gospel; that her name, before her said marriage, was Malinda ~~[illegible]~~ Pickering; that her said husband died at his residence in said county on the 20th day of January 1856, and that she is now a widow.

She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the additional Bounty Land to which she is entitled under the Act of March 3d, 1855, never having received Bounty Land except as above stated, and she hereby constitutes and appoints ~~CHAS. C. TUCKER, of Washington, D. C.~~ William L. Pickering of Zion Seminary Miss, her attorney to prosecute her claim and procure her warrant. Hereby authorizing and empowering her said attorney to obtain from the proper authorities at Washington City, or elsewhere, certified copies of any army records or documents in which her husband's services may be recorded, and to do and perform any and all other lawful acts and things that may be necessary to establish her claim, and revoking and countermanding all other authority that may have been given for the above specified purpose.

(5) Malinda Chane

We, Jacob H Dykes and J Alexander Chain residents of Covington County upon our oaths declare that the foregoing declaration was signed and acknowledged in our presence by (1) Malinda Chain with whom we are personally acquainted, that we were personally acquainted with (2) William Chain and his wife, the above named (1) Malinda Chain during the life time of the former, and know that they lived together as man and wife and were so reputed, and they believe that the husband of the said (1) Malinda Chain was the identical person who performed the military services mentioned in the above declaration; that the above named (2) William Chain is dead, which these affiants know because they saw him buried, and the said (1) Malinda Chain is now a widow, and they furthey swear that they are disinterested in this claim.

(6) Jacob H. Dykes
J A Chain

The foregoing declaration and affidavit were sworn to and subscribed before me, on the day and year above written; and I certify that I know the affiants to be credible persons; that the claimant is the person she represents herself to be, and that I have no interest in this claim.

(7) Thos. A. Bridges (J P)

INSTRUCTIONS.

1. Claimant's name. 2. Soldier's name. 3. Specify the soldier's rank. 4. *Enlisted, volunteered*, or *was drafted*. 5. Claimant's signature. 6. Witnesses' signatures. 7. Magistrate's signature.

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J. A. Chain

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State of Mississippi
Covington COUNTY, } ss.

I, George F. Robertson Clerk of the ~~County~~ Probate Court in and for the County and State above named, do hereby certify that Thomas D. Briggs Esq., before whom the foregoing affidavits were made, and who has thereunto signed his name, was at the time of so doing a Justice Of the peace in and for the County and State above named, duly commissioned and sworn, that all his official acts as such are entitled to full faith and credit, and that his signature thereto is genuine. & that I have no interest in said claim

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed my official seal this 21st day of ~~July~~ August 1856

G. F. Robertson Clerk

Forwarded by William S. Pickens
Zion Seminary
Mississippi

BOUNTY LAND CLAIM.

Act of March 3, 1855.

CLAIM FOR ADDITIONAL BOUNTY LAND.

156.200

MRS. Malinda Chain

WIDOW OF William Chain

~~CHAS. C. TUCKER~~,
~~Att'y for Claimant~~,
~~WASHINGTON, D. C.~~

NOTES.

Under the Act of March 3, 1855, each of the surviving commissioned and non-commissioned Officers, Chaplains, Musicians, and Privates, whether of regulars, volunteers, rangers, militia, or teamsters, who were regularly mustered into the service of the United States, and every Officer, Seaman, Ordinary Seaman, Marine, Clerk and Landsman of the Navy in any of the wars in which this country has been engaged since 1790, and each of the survivors of the militia, volunteers, or State troops of any State or Territory, called into military service and regularly mustered therein, and whose services has been paid by the United States, are entitled to one hundred and sixty acres of land, provided the period of service amounted to fourteen days or more, or they shall have actually been engaged in battle. Officers and Soldiers of the Revolutionary War, these who served at the invasion of Plattsburg, in September, 1814, at the attack on Lewistown, Delaware, in the war of 1812, or in the battle of Nickojack against the confederated Indians of the South, are entitled to the benefits of the Act; and Indians are entitled in the same manner and to the same extent as white men.

If the person having been in service is dead, Bounty Land is due his widow or minor children. The second marriage of a widow is no bar to her claim if she is a widow at the time of her application. These are considered minors who were so at the date of the act.

All Officers or Soldiers who have received a Land Warrant, or Land Warrants, for less than one hundred and sixty acres, under any act of Congress, are entitled, under the act of March 3, 1855, to additional Bounty Land, sufficient to make the aggregate one hundred and sixty acres—provided their service can be proved by record evidence.

Widows and minor children who have received less than one hundred and sixty acres of Land, are entitled to additional Bounty Land, provided the widow is a widow at the time of her application, and the children are minors at the date of the act, and provided the service of the soldier can be proved by record evidence.

No Land Warrant can be issued under this act unless the service of the soldier can be proved by record evidence.

Commissioner of Pensions
Washington D. C.

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William Chain Pri
Cap Wm Bicombe
La. Mil
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Enl Nov 1814
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22 Dec 1851.

William Chain served under Captain Becham from 23 December 1814 to 10 March 1815

B. F. Gallaher
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Warrant, 35,328, issued
And Sent January 2 — 1852

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Covington Co
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
MAR 7 1879

Additional Evidence.

Widow's claim for Pension,
Act Mch: 9 '78

Melinda Chain

~~application~~
~~wid Pension~~ of

Wm Chain.

Filed by
R. W. Walker, Atty,
Washington, D.C.
Mch: 7/79.

Department of the Interior
Mar 7 1879
Pension Office

The State of Mississippi }
County of Covington } SS

Before me Evans Hall Clerk of the Chancery Court of said Covington County, personally appeared Mrs. Melinda Chain who being by me duly sworn, on her oath says that she is the widow of William Chain, who died in this (Covington County) about the year eighteen hundred and fifty-six, and to whom a warrant for Bounty Land was obtained, but who died before said warrant was received by him. - That subsequently a warrant was obtained by her (this affiant) in lieu of the one obtained in the name of her husband the said William Chain. Said warrant was for and in consideration of service as a soldier in the war of 1812

This affiant further says while she resided in the above mentioned Covington County (where she yet resides) she sold the said warrant to Mr John L. Hargroves who resides, (from the best ~~as she has~~ information she has) in Shreveport State of Louisiana. Affiant is not able to give the number or any further description of said warrant.

Sworn to and subscribed before } Melinda her X mark Chain
me this 18th day of February 1879 } E. A. Gibson
Evans Hall Clerk. } witness A. J. Carter

The State of Mississippi }
County of Covington } S.S.

Mrs. Melinda Chain, widow of William Chain, who served in the War of 1812, and whose Claim for Pension (as she is informed) is numbered 26,423 makes the following Statements: That her maiden name was Melinda Pickering, by which name she was married to Mr. John Caves, that she became a widow by the death of the said John Caves: She was then known by the name of Caves, and by no other name, until her marriage with the said Soldier William Chain, to whom she was married in the County of Copiah in the State of Mississippi, by her, then, name of Melinda Caves. That if this is not the name shown by the record evidence in her Claim for bounty-land, she is wholly unable to explain the discrepancy; unless there is a clerical error in the record, or in the Copy on file in the Pension Office. She has resided in this, Covington, County for more than thirty years during all which time she has been known as the wife and widow of the said William Chain

She is now the widow of said Chain having never remarried since his death.

In regard to her signature She States that She cannot write her name and always signs by mark. That the manner of Spelling her name, may not be alike in every place, as it is not always done by the Same individual but Supposes it is not entirely different.

Witnesses
W L Strahan
J. B. McDonald

Melinda her X mark Chain

Personally came and appeared before me Evans Hall Clerk of the Circuit Court of Covington County, Mississippi, the above named Melinda Chain, who being by me duly sworn says that the foregoing Statements are true in every particular.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 29th day of April AD 1879

Evans Hall Clerk

The State of Mississippi }
County of Covington } S, S,

Before me Evans Hall clerk of the Circuit Court of the aforesaid Covington County personally appeared G. F. Robertson and W L Strahan who being duly sworn say on oath that they have been acquainted with Mrs. Melinda Chain for thirty years, and 15 years respectively, that she has never remarried since the death of her husband William Chain, and that they believe the foregoing statements made by her are true

G. F. Robertson
W L Strahan

Sworn to & subscribed
before me this 29th day
of April 1879
Evans Hall Clk

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Additional Evidence.

Widow's claim for Pension,
Act Mch: 9/78

Melinda Chain

~~Application~~
widow of
Wm. Chain.

Filed by
R. W. Walker, Atty,
Washington D.C.
Mch: 7/79.

The State of Mississippi }
County of Covington } SS

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Sworn to and subscribed before } Melinda her X mark Chain
me this 18th day of February 1879 } E. A. Gibson
Evans Hall Clerk. } witness A. J. Carter

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County of Covington } S.S.

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W L Strahan

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No. 26423

Act of March 9, 1878.

ACT OF FEBRUARY 14, 1871.

WAR OF 1812.

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Melinda Chain
Covington Miss
Wid of
William Chain

Died 18 Jany 1856

more than [illegible]
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Received June 15, 1878.
R. W. Walker

City
Attorney.

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Claim - cov. wid [illegible] amg

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State of Mississippi } Ss
Covington County } on this 8th day of February in the year of our Lord A.D. One thousand eight hundred and fifty one. personally appeared before me a justice of the peace within and for the County and State aforesaid William Chain ~~who being duly~~ Aged 63 years a resident of the County and State aforesaid who being duly sworn according to Law declares that he is the Identical "William Chain" who was a private in the Company Commanded by Captain "William Bicome" in the Regiment of Infantry Commanded by General "Morgan" in the war with great Britain declared by the united States on the 18th day of June. 1812. that he was drafted at Medisonville La on or about the 15th day of November A.D. 1414 for the term of during the war and Continued in actual service in said war for the term of about Three months (may be a little less) and was honorably discharged at New orleans on or about the 18th day of February A.D. 1815. as will appear by the Muster rolls of said Company. he cannot be positive as to any of the dates as he never had a written discharge -

He makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the bounty land to which he may be entitled under the "act granting bounty land to certain officers and soldiers who have been engaged in the Military service of the united States" passed september 28th 1850.

William Chain

Sworn to and subscribed before me the day and year above written and I hereby Certify that I believe the said William Chain to be the Identical man who served as aforesaid and that he is of the age aforesaid
J L Hargroves (Seal)

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United States To
William Chain Dr
1814+1815 For services as a private in the company by Capt Bican
For three months at $8. per mo. $24.

The State of Mississippi }
Covington County } Personally appeared before me a justice of the peace within and for said County and State William Chain who being duly sworn according to law declares that he served as above stated on the date above stated. and that he has never received any part of the mony above stated as due to him from the united states that he did not nor could not get it when discharged and that no one has ever advised him how to get it since and that he never Knew how to apply for it

Sworn to and Subscribed before }
me this 8th day of February 1852 } William Chain
J L Hargroves (J P) Seal }

$24 Interest 36 years 6 pr ct = $51.84 = $75.84

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William Chain

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William Chain
vs } Decl for bounty
} acct for monthly pay
United States

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The State of Mississippi }
Covington County } I J L Hargroves clerk of the Probate Court of said County do hereby certify that J L Hargroves whose genuine signature appears to the within certificate and attestations is now and was at the date thereof an acting Justice of the peace in and for said County duly elected qualified and Commissioned and that his said Certificates and attestations are in due form of law and that all of his acts in the premises are and ought to be entitled to full faith and credit in judicature and thereout

Given under my
hand and the seal of the
Probate Court of said
County at Williamsburg
this 11th day of February AD 1852

J L Hargroves clerk

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WAR OF 1812.

CLAIM OF WIDOW FOR SERVICE PENSION,

Under the provisions of Sections 4736 to 4740, inclusive, Revised Statutes, and the Act of March **9**, 1878.

N. B.—All the blank spaces in this form must be carefully filled up in accordance with the instructions on the back hereof; and from the best information possessed, or obtainable, by the applicant.

State of Mississippi *County of* Covington, *ss.*

On this 8th day of June, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and Seventy eight, personally appeared before me, Clerk of the Chancery Court, the same being a court of record within and for the County and State aforesaid, (1) Milinda Chain, aged Sixty four years, a resident of Covington Co, in the State of Mississippi, who, being duly sworn according to law, declares that she is the widow of (2) William Chain deceased, who was the identical (3) William Chain, who served under the name of (4) William Chain as a (5) private in the Company commanded by Captain .... in the .... regiment of ...., commanded by .... in the war of (6) A. D. 1812 with Great Britain that her said husband (7) .... at .... on or about the .... day of .... A. D .... for the term of ...., and continued in actual service in said war for the term of (8) more than fourteen days and whose services terminated, by reason of (9) .... at .... on the .... day of .... A. D .... She further states that the following is a full description of her said husband at the time of his enlistment, viz: (10) about 43 years old, a farmer, birth-place unknown, about 5 ft. 6 in in height, hair Sandy, eyes blue, & fair Complexion She further states that she was married to the said William Chain, at the city (or town) of ...., in the county of Hinds, and in the State of Mississippi, on the .... day of March A. D. 1834 by one (11) ...., who was a (12) Justice of the peace; and that her name before her said marriage was Milinda Cavs (a Widow), and she further states that (13) she had been previously married to Mr. John Cavs; that her husband Wm Chain had been previously married to Miss Phoebe Smith and that her said husband (14) William Chain, died at Covington County in the State of Mississippi, on the 18th day of January A. D 1856, and she further declares that the following have been the places of residence of herself and her said husband since the date of his discharge from the Army, viz: (15) her said husband in Louisiana then in Copiah, then she & her said husband resided in Hinds co. & then in Covington co. where she now resides She makes this declaration for the purpose of obtaining the Pension to which she may be entitled under Sections 4736 to 4740, inclusive, Revised Statutes, and the Act of March **9**, 1878, and hereby appoints **R. W. WALKER,** of Washinglon, D. C., her true and lawful attorney, to prosecute her claim.

And she further declares that she has heretofore made .... application for (16) Bounty Land (a warrant was issued to said William Chain, but he died before it reached him & and afterwards she received a Warrant as his widow) and that her residence is No. .... street, city (or town) of .... in the county of Covington State of Mississippi, and that her post office address is Williamsburg; in said Covington Co, & State of Missi

[Two attesting witnesses who can write their names.]

Charles M Edmonson

G F Robertson

Melinda her X mark Chain
Signature of Claimant.

Also personally appeared Charles M Edmonson, aged 57 years, residing at No. .... street, in Williamsburg and George F. Robertson, aged 65 years, residing at No. ....

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street, in Williamsburg...., persons whom I certify to be respectable and entitled to credit, and who, being by me duly sworn, say that they have known the said Melinda Chain.......... for ......30..... years and for ....30........ years, respectively; that they were present and saw her sign her name (or make her mark) to the foregoing declaration; that they have every reason to believe, from the appearance of said claimant and their acquaintance with her, that she is the identical person she represents herself to be; and they further say that they are able to identify her as the person who was the wife of the identical (17) William Chain........., who rendered the service alleged in the above application (in the company of Captain.., in the regiment of .... in the war of..............1812........) by the following named facts and circumstances, viz: (18)........ Because we have known her during the life of her said husband and since his death and that they have no interest in the prosecution of this claim.

If affiants make mark, two witnesses who write sign here:

.... Charles M Edmonson.....

.... G. F. Robertson.............

Sworn to and subscribed before me this..........8th..........day of.........June.........., A.D. 1878 and I hereby certify that the contents of the above declaration, &c., were fully made known and explained to the applicant and witnesses before swearing, including the words ...., erased, and the words .... added; and that I have no interest, direct or indirect, in the prosecution of this claim.

Evans Hull

[L. S.] *Official character*: Chancery Clerk

☞ To be executed before the **CLERK OF A COURT OF RECORD.**

NOTES.

1. Here allege full name of applicant. 2. Here allege full name of soldier. 3. Here allege again the name of soldier.
4. Here allege the name under which the soldier served.
5. Here allege the rank under which the soldier served.
6 Here allege the war in which the service was rendered.
7. Here state "enlisted," "volunteered," or "was drafted," as the case may be.
8. Here state the number of days or months of service rendered by the soldier; fourteen days being the shortest period for which service pension is by law allowed, unless the soldier was actually engaged in a battle If the claim is made for battle service, the blank should be so varied as to allege such service in addition to the allegation of term of service.
9. Here insert the words "an honorable discharge," or "death," as the case may be.
10. Here let a full description of soldier follow, giving age, occupation, birth-place, height, color of hair, eyes, and complexion, and any other particulars as to description.
11. Here allege the name of the person who performed the marriage ceremony.
12. Here state the official character of the person who performed the ceremony, *i. e.*, whether a minister of the gospel or a justice of the peace, &c.
13. Here state whether the claimant or her husband (the soldier) had been previously married; and if either had, the name of the former husband or wife should be stated; and the date and place of the death of, or divorce from, the former consort should be alleged.
14. Here insert the name of the husband on account of whose service and death the claim is made.
15. Here state all the places of residence; if in a city, giving the street and number; and from and to what dates he resided at each place.
16. If any application for bounty land or pension has previously been made, state the fact here, giving the date, and number if possible, and the act of Congress under which the claim was made; and designating whether it was a claim for bounty land or pension, and whether a warrant for the land or certificate for the pension was ever issued.
17. Here insert the name of the soldier.
18. Here name all the facts and circumstances which enable the witnesses to swear, from a personal knowledge, that the claimant is the widow of the identical person who rendered the service alleged in the claim.

All services rendered by the soldier in the war for which claim is made, or in any other war, with the names of officers in each service, must be given in the application.

If the service was rendered as a substitute, the name of the principal, for whom this substitute served, should be given.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
JUN 15 1878
PENSION OFFICE.

U.
WAR OF 1812.

APPLICATION FOR SERVICE PENSION.

Melinda Chain

WIDOW OF

William Chain

of Capt...............................

Co.......... *Regiment of*..............

Died 18 Jan^y 1856

For service of her husband, proof of marriage & death she refers to her bounty land application. She has rec'd a warrant.

FILED BY
R. W. WALKER,
ATTORNEY,
WASHINGTON, D C.

June 15/78.

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Brandon. Miss. oct 18st 1856
Hon. J minot Commishioner pensions
Sir

I am informed by a letter from pension office under date Sept 27th 1856 that Land warrant No. 59.954 for 120 acres issued in name william Chain under act 1855 and was sent to my address Brandon Miss on 13th may 1856. to which the same has never reached and ile also inform you that said Claimant is dead died some time in January before the warrant issued of said warrant should fall in my hands as my duty I shall return the same to the office as the Widdow is the propper owner of said warrant.

N B I was not informed of his deth tile very lately

Yours with due respects
Hon J minot Comis pensions } Henry B Shirlin

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WIDOW.

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[3—405.]
(Pensioner Dropped.)

U. S. Pension Agency,

U. S. PENSION AGENCY,
JUN 4 1896
KNOXVILLE, TENN.

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Hon D. I. Murphy
Commissioner of Pensions.

Sir:

I hereby report that the name of Malinda Chain wid of William pri Capt Beechams Co La Mil who was a pensioner on the rolls of this Agency, under Certificate No. 24306, and who was last paid at $12.00, to 4 Feby, 1893, has been dropped because of unclaimed

Very respectfully,

D. A. Carpenter
Pension Agent.

Every name dropped to be thus reported at once.

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Mrs Chain can prove, if necessary, that no other family of this name has resided in this County for Sixty years. I fully concur in her Statement that the name is wrong in her Claim for bounty land - being a mistake in the Record or one made in copying

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Department of the Interior.
PENSION OFFICE.

Washington, D.C. Mch. 26. 1879

Madam.

In your pension claim No. 26,428. act of March 9. 1878, you are informed that in your bounty-land claim you write your name and furnish record evidence of your marriage to the soldier under a name entirely different from the one given in your pension claim and that you sign your name by mark in your pension claim. These discrepancies must be explained and evidence furnished showing whether you have remarried since your husbands death. Please return this letter with the evidence.

Very respectfully.
J. A. Bentley
Commissioner

Mrs Malinda Chain.
Williamsburg
Covington Co.
Miss.

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The State of Mississippi }
Copiah County }

To any Minister, Judge or Justice lawfully au
thorized to celebrate the rites of Mat-
rimony
You are hereby licensed to celebrate the rites o
Matrimony between William Chain and
Malinda Pickering, and for so doing th
shall be your warrant
Given under my hand and se
of Office, this 23rd day of October in th
year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and thirty-five
Rowland Johnson, cle

By virtue of a license from the clerk of the cou
of said county I have this day celebrated
rites of Matrimony between William Chan
and Malinda Pickering
Given under my hand this 1st day of
January 1836 Rev. John G. Lee, a min
of the Gospel

State of Mississippi } I Thomas J Chrisman
Copiah County } clerk of the Probate court
of said county do hereby certify that the
foregoing ½ page is a true and perfect co
of the record of Marriage between the parties there
mentioned as fully and completely as the
same remains of Record in my said offi
In testimony whereof I have hereun
set my hand and seal of
office at Gallatin this 15th day
of July AD 1856.
T J Chrisman clk

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OF AMERICA.

Office of the Commissioner of Pensions.

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BOUNTY LAND

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED,

R. Mc CLELLAND.
Secretary of the Interior.

R. BRODHEAD.
United States Senate.

that under the Act of March 3rd 1855, entitled "An Act in addition to certain Acts granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in THE MILITARY SERVICE of the United States."

William [illegible] Private

Captain [illegible]'s Company

Louisiana Militia

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is entitled to locate One Hundred and Twenty Acres at any land office of the United States in one body, and in conformity to the legal subdivisions of the public lands, upon any of the public lands subject to sale at either the minimum or lower graduated prices. Given under my Hand and the Seal of the Department this 13th day of March 1856

120 ACRES

[illegible] No. 59.954

[illegible] Commissioner

Toppan, Carpenter & Co. Philad.a & New York.

(Note.) You can locate this Certificate at any of the United States land offices, or it will be located for you by the General Land Office on the return of it, with your request to that effect endorsed thereon specifying the State and Land District in which you wish the location made. If you locate it, fill up and sign the following application.

To the Register of the Land Office
at ______________________ 18__

Locate this Certificate in the ______________ Quarter of section ______________
in Township ______________ of Range ______________
Attest ______________ Register ______________

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[illegible] Act Mar 3/55
86,286 Sup 56/55

William Chain

Pri.

Capt. William Beckham

Ent'd Sep. 27. 1814. Ms Mil.
dis. Feb. 15. 1815.

Cancelled

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Rec'd Wt. 35,228–40 a

All'd March 1856 120

Mary B. Spirlin
Brandon
Rankin Co. Miss.

Sep 27/56 Let to agt
Nov. 25/56. Let to Wm. S. H. Pickering, Zion Seminary, Miss. recalling
warrant for issue to the widow — J.G.
Dec 6/56 Warrt. returned as a dead letter — J.G.

No. 256.200 8
172.587
ACT OF MARCH 3, 1855.
86,486
Received Sept. 4 18~~7~~56

Malinda Chain
Widow
William Chain
Private
Capt William Becham
La Mil
War of 1812

Wt No 88.691

120 acres

Old Jacket inside

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Melinda Chain, Jany/79

65 C.

Mis.

Department of the Interior.
PENSION OFFICE.

Washington, D.C. Jany 25' 1879

Sir:

In pension Claim of Melinda Chain under Act of March 9' 1878 No 26.423 you are required to give the name of the Captain or Colonel under whom the soldier served, and state whether the soldier or claimant received a Land Warrant

Please return this letter with the information.

Very respectfully,
J. A. Bentley
Commissioner,
pr [illegible]

R. W. Walker Esq.
Present.